

House Contract with America, we do not believe that term limits will be able to be given its proper consideration by the Senate if the vote is held this fall. We do not think there is adequate time available to the members or the citizens to focus the necessary national attention on term limits if it is wedged among the issues now facing Congress.

It is further our belief that the most important contribution you can make at this point in time toward helping to maximize the Senate's support for term limits is by granting to the supporters of term limits a specified time on the Senate calendar for April, 1996 to schedule a vote on term limits. If April is not acceptable, we would request that you advise us now of another time certain in the spring of next year when term limits will be rescheduled for a Senate vote.

We believe that this is more appropriate timing that will benefit the issue of term limits and the ability of the American people to focus their attention—and that of their Senators—on the importance of this vote.

We urgently request that you adopt this strategy and notify us as soon as possible as to whether we can expect a Senate vote in April of 1996, or exactly when such a vote would be rescheduled. We look forward to the opportunity to work with your leadership team to encourage passage of the constitutional amendment for term limits next year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Organizations Supporting Term Limits: Americans Back in Charge, American Conservative Union, Christian Coalition, Council for Government Reform, Seniors Coalition, and Council for Citizens Against Government Waste.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I will vote to table the Ashcroft amendment to H.R. 927, the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act.

I have not yet decided how I will vote on an amendment to the Constitution proposing limits on the terms of office for Members of Congress when it comes before the Senate next year.

The Ashcroft amendment is not a constitutional amendment. It is a sense-of-the-Senate resolution lacking the force of law. Its language is totally open-ended without restrictions and standards. Therefore, although I may support specific constitutional amendment language when it is offered, I cannot support and will vote to table the Ashcroft amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The pending question is on agreeing to the motion to table amendment No. 2916 offered by the Senator from Missouri.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mrs. BOXER (When her name was called). Present.

Mr. LOTT. I announce that the Senator from Oregon [Mr. HATFIELD] is necessarily absent.

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. EXON], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], and the Senator from Florida [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 49, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 490 Leg.]

YEAS—49

Akaka	Glenn	Lugar
Baucus	Graham	McConnell
Biden	Harkin	Moynihan
Bingaman	Heflin	Murray
Bradley	Hollings	Nunn
Breaux	Inouye	Pell
Bryan	Jeffords	Pryor
Bumpers	Johnston	Reid
Byrd	Kassebaum	Robb
Chafee	Kennedy	Rockefeller
Cochran	Kerrey	Roth
Conrad	Kerry	Sarbanes
Daschle	Lautenberg	Simon
Dodd	Leahy	Snowe
Dorgan	Levin	Specter
Feingold	Lieberman	
Ford	Lott	

NAYS—45

Abraham	Faircloth	Mack
Ashcroft	Feinstein	McCain
Bennett	Frist	Murkowski
Bond	Gorton	Nickles
Brown	Gramm	Pressler
Burns	Grams	Santorum
Campbell	Grassley	Shelby
Coats	Gregg	Simpson
Cohen	Hatch	Smith
Coverdell	Helms	Stevens
Craig	Hutchison	Thomas
D'Amato	Inhofe	Thompson
DeWine	Kempthorne	Thurmond
Dole	Kohl	Warner
Domenici	Kyl	Wellstone

NOT VOTING—4

Exon	Mikulski
Hatfield	Moseley-Braun

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Boxer

So the motion to lay on the table the amendment (No. 2916) was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, there will be no more votes this evening.

Mr. DOLE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask that there now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 7 p.m. with Members entitled to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Kansas is recognized.

Mr. DOLE. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. DOLE pertaining to the introduction of S. 1329 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

CENSUS BUREAU BURDENS ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I rise today to bring your attention to a single example of what I believe to be an all too common practice of our Government bullying small businesses with burdensome requirements.

My office recently received a letter from a small business in Georgia describing the mounds of reports required by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. I believe this case serves as an excellent

example of the kind of bully Government so many of us in the Senate have worked to control through regulation reform and paper work reduction. The most troubling message to me in this letter is that this small company does not perceive such Government burdens as atypical, just as a normal course of doing business in America.

How far are we going to stretch the limited resources of our small businesses? Let me list for you the reports this company, the Great American Cookie Co., must submit to the Bureau of the Census or face Federal penalties: Report of Organization, Survey of Industrial Research and Development, Survey of Business, Investment Plans Survey, Current Retail Sales and Inventory Report, Annual Trade Report, and Annual Capital Expenditures Survey.

In addition, it also provides much of the same information to each of the more than 40 States and in some cases municipalities in which it operates retail outlets. These State reports include summaries on payroll taxes, income taxes, property taxes, sales taxes, worker's compensation, property and liability insurance, annual reports and franchise returns.

As you and my other colleagues know, we succeeded in getting a provision included in the Paper Work Reduction Act to reduce the burden of firms who are forced to file quarterly reports by the Bureau of the Census used to compile the "Quarterly Financial Report for Manufacturing, Mining, and Trade Corporations." While I am pleased this is now law, I firmly believe we can do more to reduce the formidable burdens imposed by the Bureau of the Census, especially for small businesses.

By allowing this veritable gauntlet of requirements for doing business in America to continue, I wonder at the kind of message we, the Members of the U.S. Senate, are sending to small businesses.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the content of the letter be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the letter was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

GREAT AMERICAN COOKIE CO., INC.,
Atlanta, GA, September 14, 1995.

Hon. PAUL COVERDELL,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR COVERDELL: I am writing this letter to express concern over reporting requirements of the Census Bureau upon The Great American Cookie Company, Inc. (the Company). The Company is currently responsible for the following reports: Report of Organization, Survey of Industrial Research and Development, Survey of Businesses, Investment Plans Survey, Current Retail Sales and Inventory Report, Annual Trade Report and Annual Capital Expenditures Survey. We understand that, as a governmental agency, the information provided by these reports is a valuable tool for monitoring certain types of business activity. However, as a small business with limited resources, these reporting requirements place an undue burden on us.